

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 312  
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Matthew Zimmerman,  
2005 Valedictorian of Tullahoma High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Zimmerman is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2005 graduating class at Tullahoma High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Zimmerman has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Matthew has earned an exemplary 4.55 weighted grade point average and scored as high as possible on the U.S. History, English Language, Statistics, Macroeconomics, and Calculus Advanced Placement tests; and

WHEREAS, complimenting his commendable high school career with stellar standardized test results, Matthew scored a perfect 1600 on his SAT I and a laudable 35 on the ACT; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his excellence in the classroom, Matthew has dedicated his time and energy to many organizations and clubs, including the Tullahoma High School Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Premier Brass Quintet; the Boy Scouts of America, which he served as an Eagle Scout and Troop Senior Patrol Leader; AIME; the Barrett Browning Society; Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society; the National Honor Society; and Tennessee Governor's School for the Sciences; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and honors, Matthew was elected to the All Mid-State Honor Band, the Tennessee Tech Festival of Winds First Honor Band, the South East

Chamber of Music Institute, and he has earned recognition as the USAMTS Bronze Winner, AMC 12 School Winner, a National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist, and as a three time winner at the TMTA State Math Contests; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting the very determination which ensured his academic and musical successes, Matthew Zimmerman competed in the Richmond Sun Trust Marathon, the 10K Cotton Row Run, the 5K Race for the Cure, the 10K Deer Trail run, and the Tom King Half Marathon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zimmerman also dedicates his time to the Lannom Public Library and the First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Zimmerman's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Matthew's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Duff and Meg Zimmerman, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Zimmerman's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2005 Tullahoma High School Valedictorian, Matthew Zimmerman, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.